

Amendments to the Specifications

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 2 and Figure 3 show the components of the scales of this invention in more detail. Scale 20 is comprised of beam shaped load cell, support bar 30, and support bar extensions 48. The beam shaped load cell comprises deflectable beam portion 22 having an upper surface and two threaded holes 24 on the upper surface. The load cell 22 is shaped such that a section of the load cell rests on a horizontally disposed floor engaging base 26 and the ends of the load cell are elevated above the base 26 such that the ends do not rest on the base. The load cell 22 has a plurality of holes 25 that communicate through the load cell and the base has a plurality of threaded holes corresponding to the holes through the load cell. The load cell is attached to the base by threaded fasteners that are placed into the holes through the load cell and threadedly engaged with the base. Strain transducers for measuring deflection of the beam portion 22 are located inside the beam portion 22, which is attachable to the weight data collector 50. The A horizontally disposed floor engaging base 26 provides stability for the scale, and keeps the bed from tilting or tipping when a patient shifts his or her weight.

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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to FIG. 3 and FIG. 4. The sheet, which includes FIG. 3, replaces the original sheet having FIG. 3. The sheet, which includes FIG. 4-6, replaces the original sheet including FIG. 4-6. In FIG. 2, numbers have been added to more clearly show the holes 25 that communicate through the beam portion of the load cell. In FIG. 4, a previously omitted line has been added to more clearly show the relationship between the support bar 30 (number added) and the beam portion 22 of the load cell.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes